



*WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women (24.3%) and 1 in 7 men (13.8%) aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, in Colorado 32.7% of women and 28.6% of men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lives; and*

*WHEREAS, males who batter their wives also batter children in the household in up to 60% of cases; and*

*WHEREAS, studies indicate that intimate partner violence (IPV) occurs in 25% of LGBTQ+ relationships - a rate similar to the occurrence of IPV in heterosexual relationships; and*

*WHEREAS, 1 in 4 dating teens is abused or harassed (known as digital abuse) online or through texts by their intimate partners; and*

*WHEREAS, 43% of dating college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, tech, verbal or controlling abuse; and*

*WHEREAS, victims of intimate partner violence lose nearly 8 million days of paid work each year; and*

*WHEREAS, women who are killed at their workplaces are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner; and*

*WHEREAS, 65% of surveyed United States workplaces do not have a formal program or policy that addresses workplace domestic violence; and*

*WHEREAS, calls to the National Domestic Violence Hotline have increased by 9% during the COVID-19 pandemic - with callers citing COVID-19 as a complicating factor - and the current pandemic is known to create unique barriers to accessing services for those at risk of intimate partner violence; and*

*WHEREAS, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and*

*WHEREAS, we must join together as a state with local communities, service providers, and workplaces to send a clear message that domestic violence is not tolerated in Colorado; and*

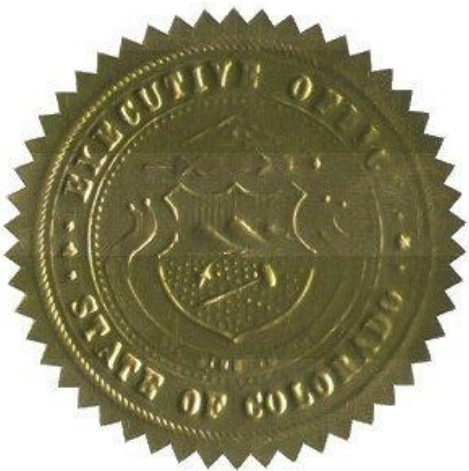
*WHEREAS, we must ensure support is available for victims of domestic violence and their children, and commit to increasing public awareness of intimate partner abuse;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby do proclaim the month of October as*

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this first day of  
October, 2020*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor